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AID Atlanta announces 15th Annual AIDS Walk Atlanta

The annual walk benefits HIV and AIDS services in the Metro-Atlanta area

ATLANTA, (Aug. 25, 2005) – AID Atlanta, a non-profit, community-based AIDS services organization, today announced that the five-kilometer AIDS Walk Atlanta will take place on Sun., Oct. 16, 2005, in Atlanta's historic Piedmont Park. This year's event features honorary co-chairs Dallas Austin, Naomi Campbell and Leslie Jordan as well as the addition of a five kilometer run.

AIDS Walk Atlanta, the southeast's largest AIDS fund-raising event, raises much needed funds to support more than a dozen vital HIV and AIDS service organizations in the Metro-Atlanta area. The goal of this year's event is to raise more than $1 million for programs supporting people living with HIV/AIDS in Georgia

There are approximately 27,000 people who are living with HIV/AIDS in Georgia, qualifying it as the eighth most affected state. The 15th Annual AIDS Walk Atlanta will unite more than 14,000 participants representing churches, schools, corporations, community organizations, and family and friends of those affected by HIV/AIDS.

"AIDS Walk Atlanta is an important event to the community, because it serves as a memorial to lives lost and those suffering from HIV/AIDS, but also as a celebration of life," said Kim Anderson, AID Atlanta's executive director. "Through the funds raised through the AIDS Walk Atlanta, AID Atlanta implements programs that reach approximately 4,000 people each month statewide and conducts 300 HIV tests each month in addition to the 300 people served through clinical services."

Online registration is available at www.aidswalkatlanta.com and registrants are encouraged to create teams by walking with friends, family and co-workers to raise funds. Check-in will begin at noon on Sunday, October 16 and ceremonies begin at 1:15 p.m. The AIDS Walk will begin promptly at 2:00 p.m. and the run will start at 1:45 p.m. For additional information, fundraising ideas or to volunteer at the Walk, please call please call the AIDS Walk office at 404-876-WALK (9255).

About AID Atlanta: